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Meeting No. 55 was called to order on Wednesday January 20, 1971 at 7:05 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge of the Memorial Union by President M.W. Bredekamp.

The roster was checked by the Secretary. Twenty-eight members or their alternates and several observers were present. Absent were: Brown (BL) and Vandette (SS).

The Minutes of Meeting No. 54 were approved with the following correction: p. 587, Curricular Policy Committee, delete "Freyberger", interchange "Krueger" and "Alexander" (Krueger is the chairman).

Senate President's Report

A. The ROTC Review Committee called for in Proposal 12-70 has been appointed. The members are: Thayer (Chairman), DelliQuadri, Caspary, Stebbins, Cook, and E.T. Williams (of the Military Science Department). Two students will be added upon the recommendation of the Student Council.

B. Halkola has been appointed to replace Wyble as the Senate Reporter on Academic Council Meetings.

Election of the Senate Representative on the Ombudsman Review Committee

The Nominating Committee (R. Bayer, Chairman) nominated Thayer and Keeling. There being no further nominations from the floor, ballots were collected and tallied. Keeling was elected to represent the Senate on the Review Committee.

Report on Meetings of the Academic Council and Board of Control

A. Halkola mentioned a few of what he considered to be the more important topics discussed at recent meetings of the Academic Council. As he was only recently appointed to his position as Senate Reporter he extracted his comments from Wyble's report which is attached here as Appendix A (Available by Request from the Senate Office)

B. Krueger reported on the Board of Control meeting held on December 11, 1970. Items of interest were:
   1. Fees for the Co-op Programs were discussed.
   2. The hockey arena completion date is set at October 1, 1971.
   3. Michigan Tech received an across-the-board one percent reduction in appropriations which resulted in a freeze on new hires and out-of-state travel.
   4. The Policy on Political Activities has been changed.

In response to several questions from the floor, Krueger stated that co-op fees were set at $32 for two credits and that details concerning the new Political Activities Policy must await final approval, but that Joe Romig may be able to fill some in. He further stated that the next Board of Control meeting will be held at the Northland Inn in Southfield, Michigan on February 5, 1971, and that he would be unable to attend.

A question arose pertaining to Board action on Humanities and Social Studies courses. Bredekamp answered that only Humanities and Social Studies courses listed in the 1971-72 catalog could be used as preferred electives until further formal action is taken by the Senate. The Curricular Policy Committee recommended several changes on which Vice President Stebbins took no further action.

Alexander - The Curricular Policy Committee did submit a list of new Humanities and Social Studies courses. The entire list is reproduced in the Second Annual Report to the Senate. The Senate has formally acted. Must we do so again?

Bredekamp - That was an emergency measure.

Alexander - The suggested changes never did appear in the 1971-72 catalog. This has been lingering for several years. I wonder how many more years it is going to linger.

Bredekamp then read portions of a memo to Vice President Stebbins from the Curricular Policy Committee. He stated that this item implies that we are waiting for some changes to be made.
A. Elections

Chairman Greuer introduced Proposal 4-71, "Ombudsman Review Committee" and recommended its adoption. The motion was seconded and subsequently passed, 26 Yes, and 0 No.

B. Curricular Policy Committee

Krueger reported that the committee is currently working on a university transfer credit policy and is studying the physical education requirements. A recommendation concerning the BSE proposal is also in the making.

C. Instructional Policy - No Report.

D. Accommodations

The committee will meet with Mr. Lucier on February 11 to discuss non-financial aid to disadvantaged students. Any interested faculty members are urged to contact Mrs. Doane. President Bredekamp passed on a suggestion from Mr. Lucier that each department should have a person to work with disadvantaged students. Bredekamp stated that volunteers should contact Mrs. Doane.

E. Change of Status: No Report.

F. Community College Transfer

Caspary stated that the committee has reviewed Proposal 2-71, "Community College Transfer Policy" at several meetings with the authors Dr. Work, Mr. Lucier, and Mr. Griff. The committee recommends that the proposal be amended to delete the second paragraph with no further changes. Caspary then moved adoption of the amended proposal. The motion was seconded.

Bredekamp: How much more work would this entail on the part of the administration?

Caspary: The Admissions Office has been distributing equivalency lists to the community colleges for several years. These lists indicate the correspondence of their courses to ours here and how many credits are allowed. This proposal would simply provide the student with early advice concerning admission and the transfer credits he would obtain if his grades met Tech's standards.

Work: The early admission student would apply to Michigan Tech while a student at a community college. Right now I meet with some students individually. The questions they ask are first, "Will I be admitted?" and next "How many credits will transfer?" Early admission would provide the student with early advice from the department concerned as to his admission and to what extent his credits will transfer.

At this point, President Bredekamp asked for further information as to the literature being disseminated to the community colleges. Dr. Work supplied a copy of a brochure which is included here as Appendix B (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

Bredekamp: The faculty of the Chemical Engineering Department has not seen this to my knowledge.

Thayer: Would this proposal require that each department send a representative to each college to act as an advisor?

Work: It is not intended that the departments send anyone to the college except to the extent that they are already doing this. It would be handled by mail or phone. The student would contact the advisor here.

DelliQuadri asked what the purpose of the term "selected" was and suggested that this may make us look haughty.

Following a discussion on this subject DelliQuadri moved that the adjective "selected" be removed from before "community colleges" and inserted before "students." The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 21 Yes, 5 No.

Proposal 2-71 as doubly amended then passed by a vote of 24 Yes, 0 No. Because of the amendments, it will reappear on the next agenda. The final form is as follows:

Community College Transfer Policy

In recognition of the increasingly important role of Community Colleges in higher education in Michigan and the importance of closer coordination of programs of students who transfer to MTU from community colleges, the Senate recommends that the University make provisions for early admission to Michigan Tech of selected students in community colleges and that their programs of courses at the Community College be coordinated through MTU degree granting departments.

G. Honors
As the chairman was not present, Proposal 6-70 (as modified by the committee) was deferred until the next meeting in a motion by Boutillier.

H. Sick Leave

Keeling reported that of the five insurance companies contacted concerning the integrated sick leave - long term disability program, two are not interested and the other three did not propose integrated plans but simply offered their standard disability plans. He then asked whether the committee should continue its search for such a program. As a result of the discussion which followed, he stated that the committee would continue its search for such an integrated plan.

I. Student-Faculty-Senate Relations

Boutilier summarized the results of a questionnaire which was sent to seven Michigan universities concerning student participation in Senate activities. See Appendix C (Available by Request from the Senate Office).

Following the committee reports, President Bredekamp thanked the Nominations Committee for their work. A motion to dismiss the committee was made, seconded, and unanimously passed.

Old Business - None

New Business

In the absence of Senator Sachs, Mr. Stanulis introduced Proposal 5-71, "Alcohol on Campus". It was moved and seconded that the proposal be adopted.

Several questions arose concerning the meaning of the current rule. President Smith pointed out that faculty living in Daniel Heights are not covered because when a faculty member moves in, the quarters are no longer considered to be student quarters. Meese stated that the regulations are enforced in married student housing only when an actual disturbance occurs.

Thayer: Do you have many complaints by students about drinking?

Meese: Five this afternoon.

Horvath: Are fraternity houses and boarding houses considered to be housing under the jurisdiction of the university?

Meese: Again, the regulation only enters the picture when an actual disturbance occurs.

Horvath: That's the point. Students in the dormitories are policed regularly whereas those residing in married student housing or off-campus must do something other than drink in order to be included under the regulation. This seems discriminatory.

Meese: Last quarter a committee was set up by request of President Smith. The Committee has two student members as well as faculty and administrative representation. This committee is to study all university regulations including those pertaining to drinking.

Smith: It's not easy to take rules off the books. If anyone could propose a good workable system, the Board of Control would be delighted to consider the proposal.

Stanulis: Northern permits alcohol in certain dorms. This may be the answer.

Smith: This has not solved the problem.

Meese: Northern has three times as many dorms and Michigan State has ten times as many. Such a scheme would not work at Michigan Tech since we have only three dorms.

A vote was taken on Proposal 5-71. It failed, 4 Yes, 13 No.

Alexander then moved that the Senate express its approval of the current examination of the regulations at Michigan Tech by President Smith's committee. The motion was seconded.

Alexander: By rejecting Proposal 5-71 we may be giving the impression that we are satisfied with the current regulation. An expression of the on-going review by the committee would indicate that we feel some change is necessary.

Halkola: The discussion concerning the motion has been transcribed and will be a matter of record. Frankly, I am somewhat concerned that this entire matter may not be in the purview of the Senate in the first place.

Meese: I agree. It seems to me that the question of academic affairs enters into this. Under the old Senate and Agenda Committee simply rejected proposals of this sort which did not pertain to academic affairs.

When put to a vote, Alexander's motion passed, Yes 9, No. 0.
Bredekamp: The Senate is quite capable of deciding whether it should discuss a motion such as this. The Senate as a whole must make such decisions. At the last meeting for example, the Senate tabled a motion. This time it chose to discuss one.

Secretary's Note:

By-Law number five under the current Senate Constitution states, in part (underlining added for emphasis): "Proposals may be introduced . . . by submitting them in writing to the Council . . . The Council, through the Secretary, shall provide copies of the proposals to all members of the Senate at least 10 days prior to the meeting at which they are to be presented. The Council may attach recommendations with reasons therefor to the proposals before distribution to the members."

According to our By-Laws, any final decision concerning acceptability or purview must be made by the Senators acting collectively through such mechanisms as tabling, referring to committee, or not supporting that particular proposal.

Following Bredekamp's remarks, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

R.S. Horvath
Secretary